

What Is Claimed Is:

- 1 1. A template for oligonucleotides synthesis comprising:
2 a Watson-Crick nucleotide region, having two ends;
3 a Hoogsteen nucleotide region, having two ends;
4 at least one linker region attaching at least one of said ends of said Watson-Crick
5 nucleotide region and at least one of said ends of said Hoogsteen nucleotide region;
6 wherein, said Watson-Crick nucleotide region and said Hoogsteen nucleotide region
7 are capable of forming a triplex with substrate nucleotides.
1 2. The template for oligonucleotide synthesis of claim 1, wherein said at least one linker
2 region comprises two linker regions.
1 3. The template for oligonucleotide synthesis of claim 1, wherein said linker region is
2 selected from the group consisting of an oligonucleotide, an oligopeptide, and a polyether.
1 4. The template for synthesis of oligonucleotides of claim 1 further comprising at least
2 one primer.
1 5. The template for oligonucleotide synthesis claim 4, wherein said at least one primer
2 comprises two primers.

1 6. The template for oligonucleotide synthesis of claim 4, wherein said at least one
2 primer is covalently bound to said at least one linker region.

1 7. A method for synthesizing oligonucleotides comprising:
2 preparing a solution of substrate mononucleotides;
3 adding a circular polynucleotide template to said solution;
4 allowing said mononucleotide substrates and said circular polynucleotide template
5 to form a triplex;
6 adding a reaction mixture to said solution, thereby causing the ligation of the
7 mononucleotide substrates so as to form an oligonucleotide;
8 denaturing said triplex; and,
9 separating said oligonucleotide from said circular polynucleotide template.

1 8. The method of claim 7 further comprising adding a pH buffer to said solution.

1 9. The method of claim 7, wherein said reaction mixture comprises cyanogen bromide
2 and a divalent metal salt.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein said divalent metal salt is selected from the group
2 consisting of magnesium chloride, barium chloride, manganese chloride, nickel chloride, cobalt
3 chloride, copper chloride, zinc chloride, calcium nitrate or calcium chloride.

1 11. The method of claim 9, wherein the concentration of said divalent metal salt is
2 between 20 and 200 mM.

1 12. The method of claim 7 further comprising the step of increasing the temperature of
2 said solution to greater than 10°C.

1 13. A method for synthesizing oligonucleotides comprising:
2 forming a solution of substrate nucleotides;
3 forming a solution of circular polynucleotide templates within a dialysis bag, wherein
4 said dialysis bag allows diffusion of oligonucleotides but prevents diffusion of circular templates;
5 immersing said dialysis bags in said solution of substrate nucleotides;
6 allowing triplex formation between said templates and said substrate nucleotides
7 within said dialysis bags;
8 addition of the reaction mixture to said solution, thereby causing ligation of said
9 substrate nucleotides to form an oligonucleotide;
10 denaturing said triplex, thereby dissociating said oligonucleotide from said template;
11 allowing said oligonucleotide to diffuse outside said dialysis bag; and
12 removing said dialysis bag from said solution.

1 14. The method of claim 13 further comprising raising the temperature of said substrate
2 nucleotide solution to greater than 10°C.

1 15. The method of claim 13, wherein said substrate nucleotides is selected from the group
2 consisting of mononucleotides, oligonucleotides, or polynucleotides.

1 16. The method of claim 13, wherein said reaction mixture is comprised of cyanogen
2 bromide and a divalent metal salt.

1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the concentration of said divalent metal salt is
2 between 20 and 200 mM.

1 18. The method of claim 16, wherein said divalent metal salt is selected from the group
2 consisting of magnesium chloride, barium chloride, manganese chloride, nickel chloride, cobalt
3 chloride, copper chloride, zinc chloride, calcium nitrate or calcium chloride.